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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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Applicant : Toshiya KITAMURA
Serial No. : 09/413,984
Filed : October 7, 1999
For : NEGATIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE
MATERIAL FOR USE IN
ALKALINE CELL AND METHOD
OF PREPARING THE SAME
Art Unit : 1745
Examiner : T. Dove
Confirmation No.: 2673

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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months to expire on July 21, 2003 by a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME filed concomitantly herewith, please amend the application
as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

19-18. (New) The negative electrode active material for use
in an alkaline cell according to Claim 1, which consists
essentially of said dry mixture of a conventional alloyed zinc
powder and a powder of Bi as an additional metal.

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